

Bond Programs Report



Submitted to the Bond Oversight Committee on June 5, 2013



About

The Bond Programs Report provides the public with project updates and spending details on the City's voter-approved General Obligation (GO) bond programs. The report is produced by Capital Planning Office staff with assistance from the Budget Office as well as participating Capital Improvements Program departments. The report is presented to the Bond Oversight Committee at the committee's quarterly meeting and includes data through May 31, 2013.

The Bond Oversight Committee is a citizen committee composed of seven members who are appointed by City Council. The committee ensures efficiency, equity, timeliness and accountability in the implementation of the 2006, 2010 and 2012 bond programs. The committee is also responsible for reviewing the annual bond appropriation and sale schedule. For more information about the Bond Oversight Committee, visit www.austintexas.gov/bondoversight.

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Key Terms

Allocated: The amount of funds authorized by voters to be spent per proposition.

Appropriated: The authority to spend funds that have been set aside for a specific project or program. Total project funding may not be appropriated at all at once. City Council may approve multiple installments of funding throughout the project's phases.

Available: The amount of funds authorized by voters minus the amount encumbered and spent.

Encumbered: Commitments made to unperformed contracts for goods or services.

Expenditure: Funds that have been paid for goods or services.

Fiscal Year (FY): October 1—September 30; FY14 is Oct. 1, 2013 through Sept. 30, 2014.

Obligated: The sum of funds encumbered and spent.

Spent: Also referred to as expenditure.

Substantial Completion: A bond program is considered substantially complete when approximately 90% of voter-authorized funds have been spent or the point at which program intent has been sufficiently fulfilled.

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GO Bond Programs Summary

Bond Programs	Allocated	Obligated*	% Obligated	Spent	% Spent
2012 Bond Program	\$306,648,000	\$1,388,517	0.45%	\$1,305,517	0.43%
2010 Mobility Bond Program	\$90,000,000	\$77,404,600	86%	\$39,472,638	44%
2006 Bond Program	\$567,400,000	\$435,640,232	77%	\$397,501,983	70%
TOTAL	\$964,048,000	\$514,433,349	50%	\$438,280,138	45%

*Obligated funds are the sum of funds encumbered and spent.

2012 Bond Program	\$306,648,000
Prop 12: Transportation and Mobility	\$143,299,000
Prop 13: Open Space and Watershed Protection	\$30,000,000
Prop 14: Parks and Recreation	\$77,680,000
Prop 16: Public Safety	\$31,079,000
Prop 17: Health and Human Services	\$11,148,000
Prop 18: Library, Museum and Cultural Arts Facilities	\$13,442,000

2010 Mobility Bond Program	\$90,000,000
Mobility Priority Projects	\$44,245,000
ADA Compliance Program	\$10,000,000
General Pedestrian/Bike/Trails Program	\$4,355,000
Signals/Management/Improvements Program	\$4,200,000
Traffic Calming/Matching/Quiet Zones	\$2,700,000
Travis County Partnership Program	\$4,000,000
Corridor Preservation	\$1,000,000
Roadway Reconstruction Program	\$19,500,000

2006 Bond Program	\$567,400,000
Prop 1: Transportation	\$103,100,000
Prop 2: Drainage and Open Space	\$145,000,000
Prop 3: Parks	\$84,700,000
Prop 4: Community and Cultural Facilities	\$31,500,000
Prop 5: Affordable Housing	\$55,000,000
Prop 6: New Central Library	\$90,000,000
Prop 7: Public Safety Facilities	\$58,100,000

Summary Highlights

- ⇒ Austin voters have approved a total of \$874 million in General Obligation bonds since 2006.
- ⇒ The City's goal is to substantially complete the 2006 and 2010 bond programs by the end of FY 16.
- ⇒ The Capital Planning Office and stakeholder departments are currently working to establish implementation milestones for the 2012 Bond Program. The City's goal is to substantially complete the 2012 bond program by the end of FY 18.

On Nov. 6, 2012, Austin voters approved \$306.6 million in bond propositions to fund capital improvements in the categories listed below.

Budget Summary

	Allocated	Obligated*	% Obligated	Spent	% Spent
Prop 12: Transportation and Mobility	\$143,299,000	\$82,500	0.06%	-	-
Prop 13: Open Space and Watershed Protection	\$30,000,000	\$1,305,517	4.4%	\$1,305,517	4.4%
Prop 14: Parks and Recreation	\$77,680,000	-	-	-	-
Prop 16: Public Safety	\$31,079,000	-	-	-	-
Prop 17: Health and Human Services	\$11,148,000	-	-	-	-
Prop 18: Library, Museum and Cultural Arts Facilities	\$13,442,000	-	-	-	-
2012 Bond Program	\$306,648,000	\$1,388,517	0.45%	\$1,305,517	0.43%

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May 9, 2013 Appropriation

Program Highlights

- ⇒ On May 9, 2013, City Council approved the appropriation of \$37.2 million to fund the first sequence of 2012 Bond projects. The chart to the right depicts the division of funds by proposition and project area.
- ⇒ Also on May 9, City Council authorized staff to negotiate a contract with Jackson & Ryan Architects for architectural and engineering services for Betty Dunkerley Campus infrastructure improvements in the amount of \$222,000 (Prop 17).
- ⇒ Also on May 9, City Council authorized staff to negotiate and execute an agreement with The Nature Conservancy for reimbursement of costs incurred in connection with the acquisition of real property in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 (Prop 13).

Prop 12: Transportation and Mobility	
\$6,300,000	Bikeway projects and pedestrian-related improvements
\$1,150,000	Street and bridge reconstruction
\$200,000	Neighborhood partnering program
\$1,760,000	Arterial congestion and crash risk mitigation
\$1,725,000	Corridor mobility improvements
Prop 13: Open Space and Watershed Protection	
\$15,000,000	Open space acquisition
Prop 14: Parks and Recreation	
\$1,000,000	Cemetery renovations
\$4,850,000	Facility renovations and improvements
\$500,000	Park improvements
Prop 16: Public Safety	
\$1,500,000	Public safety facilities
Prop 17: Health and Human Services	
\$1,960,000	Facility improvements
Prop 18: Library, Museum and Cultural Arts Facilities	
\$1,190,000	Facility improvements
\$100,000	Austin Film Studios
Total: \$37,235,000	

2010 Mobility Bond Program



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On Nov. 2, 2010, Austin voters approved \$90 million in bond propositions to fund capital improvements in the categories listed below.

Budget Summary

	Allocated	Obligated*	% Obligated	Spent	% Spent
Mobility Priority Projects	\$44,245,000	\$34,467,809	78%	\$14,207,776	32%
ADA Compliance Program	\$10,000,000	\$9,846,403	98%	\$5,909,559	59%
General Ped/Bike/Trails Program	\$4,355,000	\$3,184,644	73%	\$1,782,035	41%
Signals/Mgmt/Improvements Program	\$4,200,000	\$3,895,830	93%	\$2,542,269	61%
Traffic Calming/Matching/Quiet Zones	\$2,700,000	\$1,957,456	72%	\$851,244	32%
Travis County Partnership Program	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	100%	\$3,000,000	75%
Corridor Preservation**	\$1,000,000	\$143,848	14%	\$113,689	11%
Roadway Reconstruction Program	\$19,500,000	\$18,354,149	94%	\$7,491,619	38%
2010 Mobility Bond Program	\$90,000,000	\$77,404,601	86%	\$39,472,638	44%

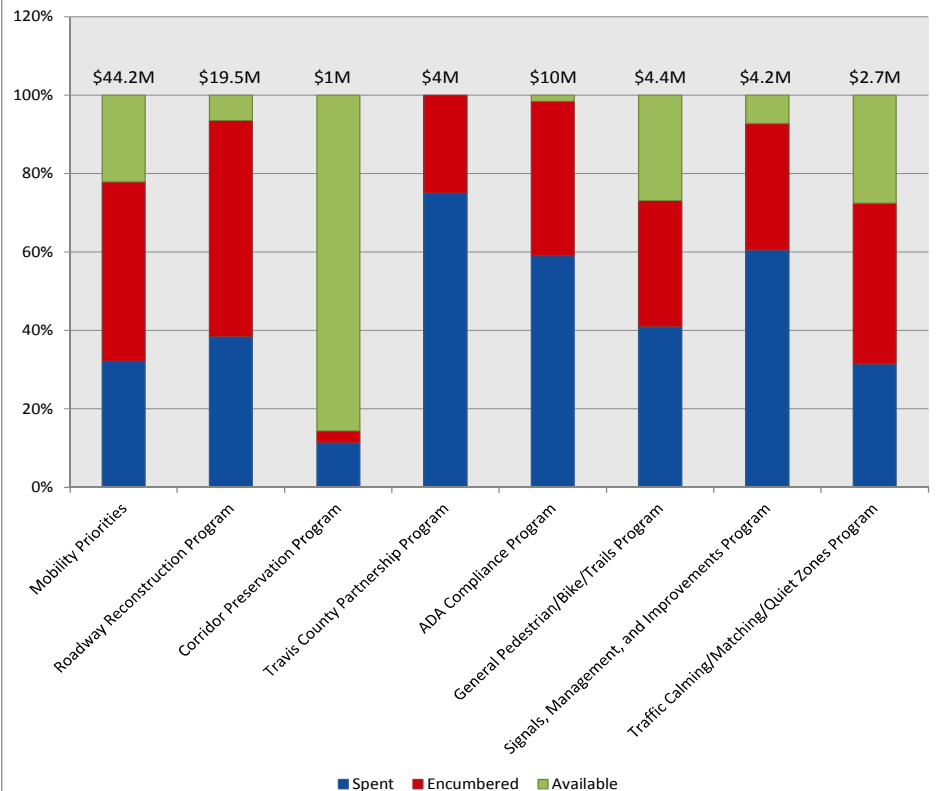
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** Interlocal Agreement with Travis County not yet executed. Once complete, Corridor Preservation will be fully obligated.

Program Highlights

- ⇒ During the past quarter, an additional 4%, or \$7,512,753, of bond program funds have been spent.
- ⇒ So far this fiscal year, \$20,865,774 has been spent.
- ⇒ \$39,472,638, or 44%, of the total program funding of \$90 million has been spent.

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Mobility Priority Projects

IH-35 Corridor Development Program

Status: Design

The preliminary engineering phase is nearly complete. The City hosted four open houses in April and has used web-based mechanisms to gather public input on the project, including an online public comment forum, Facebook, Twitter and a virtual open house, which has received 900-plus unique viewers. The consultant is drafting the report and funding options, with the first draft due in June.

The total appropriation for the project is approximately \$2.35 million. The project will use \$1.15 million of 2010 Mobility Bond funds. Of the \$1.15 million appropriated, all has been obligated.

Manor Road between Airport Boulevard and East 51st Street

Status: Design

The engineer is developing plans, bid manual and cost estimates for constructing sidewalks with trees and installing roundabouts on Manor Road.

The appropriation for the project from 2010 Mobility Bond funds is approximately \$725,000. Of that, \$149,700, or 21%, has been obligated.

Sabine Street Promenade

Status: Preliminary

2010 Mobility Bond funds, in conjunction with Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) grant funds, are for designing and constructing the first portion of the improvements recommended in the City Council-adopted Waller Creek District Plan for the Sabine Street portion (Sabine Street Bicycle Pedestrian Promenade from Fourth to Seventh streets). City staff is working with the City's Contract Management Department and TxDOT to explore procurement methods for a consultant.

The total appropriation for the project is approximately \$4.5 million. The project will use \$1.7 million of 2010 Mobility Bond funds for Sabine Street and associated trail and stream bank improvements. Of that \$1.7 million, \$20,000, or 1%, has been obligated.

General Pedestrian/Bike/Trails Program

Shoal Creek Restoration—15th to 28th streets

Status: Design

The project will restore the stream and riparian area. It will also include park trail improvements that will accommodate a future urban trail. The City received design submittal at the end of April. The project's review team has provided comments to the consultants and submittals to the permitting office are expected at the beginning of June.

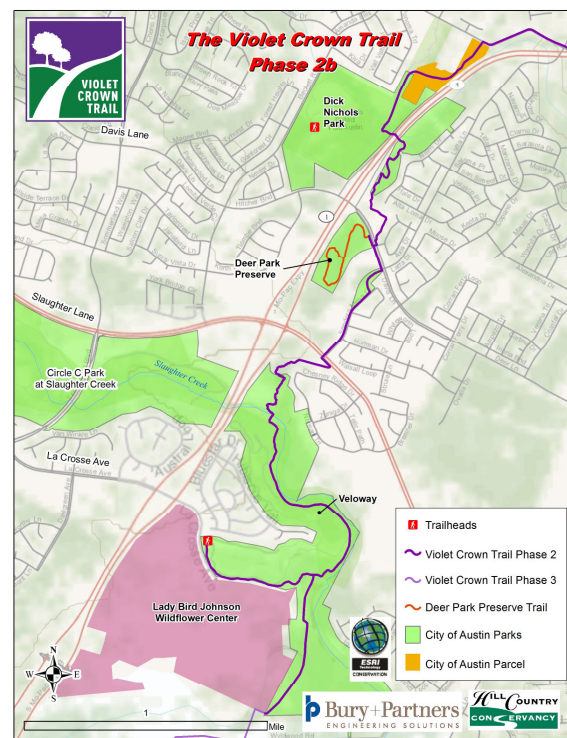
The total appropriation for the project is approximately \$7.36 million. The project will use \$90,000 of 2010 Bond funds. Of that, \$80,000, or 89%, has been obligated. Other funds include \$178,000 from 2006 Bond funds.

Violet Crown Trail

Status: Design

Design scope has been adjusted for work on the southern piece (Dick Nichols Park to MoPac/William Cannon intersection) to commence due to the examination of alignment alternatives north of William Cannon Drive. Survey and geotechnical work is complete for this southern portion and design is underway. The consultant, Hill Country Conservancy and City are determining the northern alignment.

The total appropriation for the project is approximately \$410,000, which will take it through design. The project will use \$110,000 of 2010 Mobility Bond funds. Of the \$110,000, \$56,300, or 51%, has been obligated. The project will also receive 2012 Bond funds in the amount of \$2 million for construction.



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Signals/Management/Improvements Program

Traffic Cameras

Approximately 10 traffic cameras were deployed to replace outdated cameras. The new cameras enable the City to share video with other transportation agencies and provide traveler information.

Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons

Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons (PHBs) are pedestrian-activated signals that require motorists to stop so pedestrians can cross the roadway. Federal Highway Administration research has shown nearly a 70% reduction in pedestrian crashes following the installation of a PHB. Recent installations include: North Lamar Boulevard at 31st Street and at Manchaca Road at Prather Lane.



Bus Rapid Transit (MetroRapid)

The Austin Transportation Department continues to collaborate with and support Capital Metro to deliver a new high-capacity transit service, MetroRapid. Plans for MetroRapid include two bus rapid transit routes — one along North Lamar/South Congress and one along Burnet/South Lamar. Route 1 is anticipated to begin operations in early 2014, and Route 2 is anticipated to begin operations in late 2014.

Bond funds are being used to upgrade the City's Advanced Transportation Management System (ATMS) to provide transit signal priority for the MetroRapid lines. Transit signal priority enables buses to "talk" to the traffic signals to extend green lights for a few seconds to allow the bus to make it through the light. City staff recently completed lab and field tests to verify feasibility of the transit signal priority system. System-wide testing will begin in July 2013. Transit signal priority will be implemented at more than 130 signals.



Travel Time Data Integration

Functionality is being added to the City's Advanced Transportation Management System (ATMS) to integrate travel time data from roadways throughout Austin. Travel times and travel-time reliability are key pieces of information that will help the City better manage traffic flow. Travel times will be used to alert staff to unusual travel conditions (e.g. incidents), post travel times on existing and future dynamic message signs as well as the City's web page, monitor roadway performance for planning purposes, and assess the need for retiming traffic signals. A pilot project is underway that measures travel times using Bluetooth sensors along South Lamar Boulevard from Barton Springs Road to Brodie Oaks Shopping Center. The technology is performing well and plans are under way to deploy sensors along other major arterials throughout Austin.

Roadway Reconstruction Program

Fifth Street from IH-35 to Onion Street

Status: Construction

The project is currently in Phase 1, which includes excavation and construction of curbs, sidewalks, retaining walls, driveways and the first lift of asphalt on Fifth Street from IH-35 to Waller Street. The work will take place behind barricades along the south side of Fifth Street, and east bound traffic will detour north to Sixth Street. This phase is scheduled to be complete in early summer.

The total appropriation for the project is approximately \$6.5 million. The project will use \$35,700 of 2010 Mobility Bond funds, all of which has been obligated.

Pedernales Street Reconstruction and Utility Adjustment

Status: Construction

The utility installation is complete north of Seventh Street. The contractor is 90% complete on the utility installation south of Seventh Street. Once the utility relocation is complete, the City's contractor will start on the street reconstruction.

The total appropriation for the project is approximately \$2.4 million. The project will use \$1.6 million of 2010 Mobility Bond funds. Of the \$1.6 million, 100% has been obligated.



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Traffic Calming/Neighborhood Matching/Quiet Zones

Local Area Traffic Management

Status: Construction

Five of 14 projects in the 12A funding round requests are ready to be permitted. These sites are located along Wildridge, Broadmoor, Colonial Park, Middle Fiskville and Scenic Brook. The streets remaining in 12A funding round are Sendero Hills Parkway, Rockwood Lane (two segments), Ashton Ridge, Suburban Drive, Lakewood Drive, Frontier Valley Drive, Viewpoint and Lemonwood Drive.



Two of the Neighborhood Traffic Calming projects are almost ready for construction. The Rosedale traffic calming site is permitted, and the notice to proceed has been prepared. The roundabout on Perry Lane is completing permitting and will be ready for construction in the very near future. In April, funding was identified for speeding mitigation on seven more streets: Quicksilver Boulevard, Topridge Drive, Tillery Street, Felix Avenue, Foster Lane, Battle Bend Boulevard and Wellington.

The total appropriation for the project is approximately \$3.03 million. The project will use \$1.6 million of 2010 Mobility Bond funds. Of that, \$1.4 million, or 88%, has been obligated.

South Austin Quiet Zone Project

Status: Executed

All the Construction and Maintenance Agreements have been executed. Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) is currently in the process of ordering equipment, which it expects will take approximately six to 10 months to deliver. UPRR creates and manages the construction schedules; therefore, the City will follow up with UPRR once the equipment is delivered to review the construction timeline.

The total appropriation for the project is approximately \$2.4 million. The project will use \$1.3 million of 2010 Mobility Bond funds. Of the total \$1.3 million, \$5,000 has been obligated.

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On Nov. 7, 2006, Austin voters approved \$567.4 million in bond propositions to fund capital improvements in the categories listed below.

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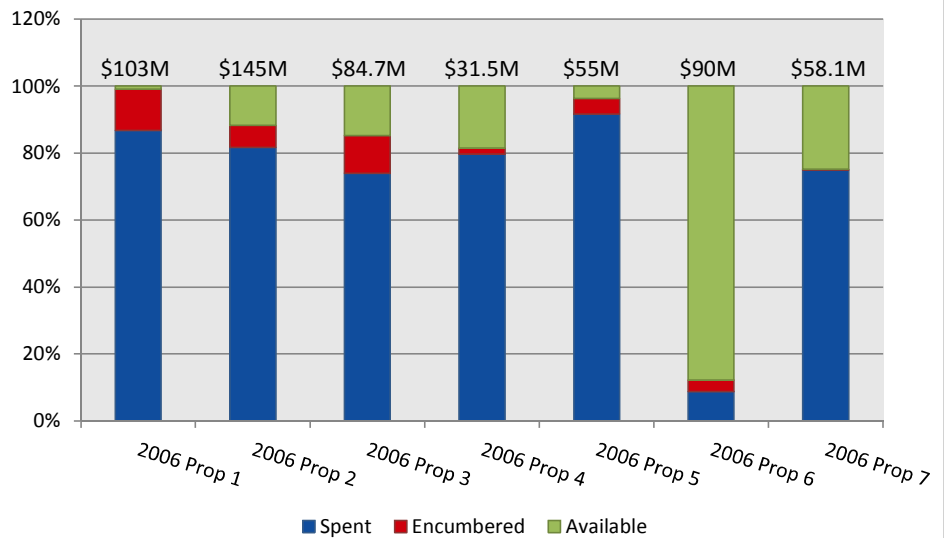
	Allocated	Obligated*	% Obligated	Spent	% Spent
Prop 1: Transportation	\$103,100,000	\$102,134,342	99%	\$89,485,672	87%
Prop 2: Drainage and Open Space	\$145,000,000	\$128,004,687	88%	\$118,442,214	82%
Prop 3: Parks	\$84,700,000	\$72,186,550	85%	\$62,634,101	74%
Prop 4: Community and Cultural Facilities	\$31,500,000	\$25,674,936	82%	\$25,101,679	80%
Prop 5: Affordable Housing	\$55,000,000	\$52,969,918	96%	\$50,415,030	92%
Prop 6: New Central Library	\$90,000,000	\$10,981,692	12%	\$7,891,179	9%
Prop 7: Public Safety Facilities	\$58,100,000	\$43,688,107	75%	\$43,532,109	75%
2006 Bond Program	\$567,400,000	\$435,640,232	77%	\$397,501,983	70%

*Obligated funds are the sum of funds encumbered and spent.

Program Highlights

- ⇒ On May 30, 2013, the City broke ground on the New Central Library, marking a major milestone in the construction of a primarily bond-funded facility. For more on the New Central Library, see Page 12.
- ⇒ Since April 1, the amount of 2006 Bond Program funds spent has increased 1%, or by \$6.17 million.
- ⇒ Since the beginning of September, the amount of 2006 Bond Program funds obligated has grown by \$23.75 million, or by nearly 6%.

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Prop 1: Transportation

Austin Bicycle Commuting Project

Status: Bid

In June, Staff anticipates asking City Council to approve a construction contract to build two shower facilities at City-owned work sites. The facilities will be located in Austin Water Utility's Waller Creek Center, 625 E. 10th St., and a free-standing facility behind the Parks and Recreation Department headquarters at 200 S. Lamar Blvd. Locations were prioritized by user interest and building efficiency.



A rendering of the stand-alone facility that will be at 200 S. Lamar Blvd.

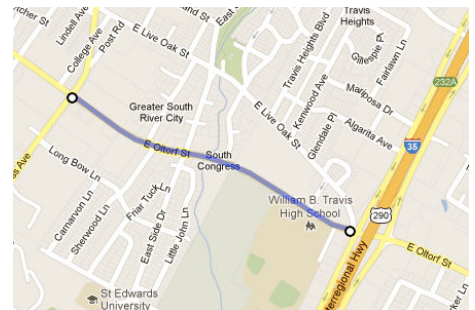
The project aligns with goals of the Austin Bicycle Master Plan and will aid the City in its efforts to reduce air pollution and traffic congestion by freeing up roadways and supporting the use of no-emissions travel.

The total appropriation for the project is nearly \$933,000. The City received a federal grant of \$371,740, and construction is expected to cost \$566,500. The project will use \$215,000 of 2006 Bond funds.

Street Reconstruction: Group 30

Status: Construction

The street reconstruction project on East Oltorf Street from Congress Avenue to the southbound IH-35 access road consisted of full-depth street reconstruction, utility adjustments, a new 12-foot water line, and sidewalk repair and installation to ADA standards. The project is expected to be complete in early June 2013. The total amount appropriated to the project is \$5.06 million. The project used \$3.5 million in 2006 Bonds funds.



Prop 2: Drainage and Open Space

Williamson Creek – Blarwood Storm Drain Improvements

Status: Construction

The project was implemented to mitigate flooding that is occurring in developed areas due to undersized storm drain systems, and to protect drivers and residents. The storm drain infrastructure of the project is mostly complete. The contractor is working on water line improvements that were added to the project.

The estimated project budget is \$8.32 million, and of that about \$7.24 million is being supplied by the 2006 Bond Program.



Boggy Creek Greenbelt – Reach B8 Stream Restoration

Status: Construction

This project includes 3,000 feet of stream stabilization, construction of two green storm water infrastructure treatment swales and the removal of exposed, abandoned wastewater lines from the creek bottom. The project boundaries begin at Rosewood Avenue in Rosewood Park and end near Webberville Road at the Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center. Substantial completion is expected in November 2013.

The estimated project budget is \$6.07 million, but the project is anticipated to be about \$1.42 million below budget. The project is using \$2.95 million in 2006 Bond funds.



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Prop 3: Parks

Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center

Status: Construction

Renovations currently nearing completion at this popular senior facility include roof replacement as well as interior and exterior improvements for enhanced accessibility and programming. Work was conducted in tightly coordinated phases to minimize impact to ongoing facility operation. Significant improvements have been made to restroom facilities, reception areas, and interior and exterior program spaces.



The Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center.

The project will be completed under the original project budget and has proceeded smoothly and on schedule for completion by August 2013. The total project budget is \$1.65 million, and was funded in full by the 2006 Bond Program.

Auditorium Shores Trailhead

Status: Design

Site improvements to the main trailhead at Auditorium Shores will include new parking, restrooms, water quality, landscape and trailhead improvements at this popular point of access to the Ann and Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trail. Construction documents are complete and currently being reviewed for permitting. The project will be issued for bidding shortly with construction scheduled to begin in November 2013. Trail detours will be provided to minimize disruption to daily park users with construction scheduled to be complete by mid-summer 2014.

The estimated project budget is \$2 million, and of that \$1 million is being supplied by the 2006 Bond Program while another \$1 million is a Texas Parks and Wildlife Urban Outdoor grant.



A rendering of the trailhead improvements.

Prop 4: Community and Cultural Facilities

Asian American Resource Center

Status: Construction

Construction is 99% complete and the City has a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for stocking. Security, fire and audio/visual systems are complete. In the May/June timeframe, the telecommunication systems will be functional, the main furniture deliveries will be complete and staff will be moved in. The facility is funded by federal grants and \$5 million in 2006 Bond funds.



The entrance to the Asian American Resource Center.

Mexic-Arte Museum

Status: Preliminary

Negotiations with a firm for project management services have begun. Negotiations are currently ongoing to hire a museum programmer to determine the current and future program needs. No schedule has been developed yet as the Project Manager has not been hired. The funding available for the museum is \$5 million. In 2010, the City entered into an agreement with the Museum to have all improvements begin by June 2012 and be substantially completed by Dec. 31, 2013. In August 2012, City Council passed a resolution extending the deadlines by five years, at which time the agreement will expire.

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Prop 5: Affordable Housing

The entire \$55 million allocated to affordable housing has been spent or committed to 35 projects. Approximately \$2 million that has been committed to projects has yet to go to contract. Twenty-four projects have been completed. The remaining 12 projects that will be funded by the 2006 Bond Program are expected to be completed during the next two years. It is anticipated that a total of 2,500 affordable housing units will be created or retained through 2006 Bond funding.

Prop 7: Public Safety Facilities

Mueller EMS Station # 33

Status: Complete

The contractor has achieved final completion of the new three-bay EMS station adjacent to Fire Station #14. This new facility will position EMS to respond to the existing and developing neighborhoods in the Mueller Redevelopment area as well as other East Austin neighborhoods. The appropriation for the station was \$3.12 million. The station used \$3.1 million of 2006 Bond funds.



Prop 6: New Central Library

Status: Construction

A groundbreaking ceremony for the project was held on May 30. On May 23, 2013, City Council approved a resolution authorizing the redevelopment of 1.4 acres of City-owned land along Cesar Chavez Street next to the Seaholm redevelopment. The approval was a formal action that allowed construction to proceed.

The parcel will be redeveloped as the new Central Public Library. A grand opening is expected in 2016. Besides the Central Library, adjacent Lower Shoal Creek improvements will include a 160-foot bridge over Shoal Creek that will extend Second Street alongside the library and will encourage bike and pedestrian use. The new, 198,000-square-foot library will replace the existing 110,000-square-foot Faulk Central Library, at 800 Guadalupe St., that was opened in 1979. The Second Street Extension and Bridge Project by the Public Works Department will provide trail improvements, landscaping, lighting and stream bank stabilization in the area.

The estimated project budget for the New Central Library Project is \$120 million, of which \$90 million is funded by the 2006 Bond Program. The additional funding comes from \$10 million in proceeds from the sale of Block 21 on Second Street where the W Hotel stands and \$20 million from General Fund transfers, Certificates of Obligation, and Contractual Obligation Certificates.



The crowd at the project's ground breaking ceremony on May 30, 2013.



A rendering of bridge over Shoal Creek and Second Street extension.